

## **PARTIAL LIST OF AWARDS TO THE WOMEN OF WORLD WAR II**

**DISTINGUISHED SERVICE MEDAL**—*Established by act of Congress  
9 July 1918*

**Hobby**, Colonel Oveta Culp: The award was made in January 1945 in recognition of Colonel Hobby's service in organizing and developing the Women's Army Auxiliary Corps and the Women's Army Corps. Colonel Hobby is the first, and only to date, woman to receive this award as a member of the Army of the United States

**LEGION OF MERIT**—*Established by act of Congress 20 July 1942*

**Addison**, Hattilu White, Lt Colonel

**Anderson**, Louise L., Major

**Bagby**, Sarah Ann, Captain

**Bandel**, Betty, Lt Colonel

**Belvin**, Adele B., Master Sergeant

**Boutell**, Hortense M., Major

**Boyce**, Westray Battle, Colonel —with OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO  
LEGION OF MERIT—

**Briggs**, Ruth M., Lt Colonel

**Brown**, Mary Agnes, Lt Colonel

**Cheresnowsky**, Betty, Private

**Christian**, Portia, Technician Fourth Grade

**Coleman**, Dorothea A., Major —with OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO LEGION  
OF MERIT—

**Davis**, Emily C., Lt Colonel

**Ewing**, Lettie, Sergeant

**Goodwin**, Katharine R., Lt Colonel

**Hallaren**, Mary A., Colonel —with OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO LEGION  
OF MERIT—on occasion of her retirement in 1960, she was awarded the  
SECOND OAK LEAF CLUSTER—

**Kerner**, Blanche E., Corporal

**Lane**, Mary Charlotte, First Lieutenant

**May**, Geraldine P., Lt Colonel

**Milligan**, Mary Louise, Lt Colonel —on occasion of her retirement in 1962,  
she was awarded OAK LEAF CLUSTER TO LEGION OF MERIT

**Newsome**, Florence T., Lt Colonel  
**Rice**, Jessie Pearl, Lt Colonel  
**Rohkar**, Maxine J., Sergeant  
**Scheidenhelm**, Arlene Gertrude, Captain  
**Scott**, Irene F., Warrant Officer (Junior Grade)  
**Simas**, Mae I., Captain  
**Strayhorn**, Elizabeth C., Lt Colonel  
**Taylor**, Elizabeth F., Major  
**Williams**, Henrietta A., Sergeant  
**Wilson**, Anna Walker, Lt Colonel  
**Wright**, Ella C., Staff Sergeant  
**Zeigler**, Ruth L., Master Sergeant

**SOLDIER’S MEDAL**—Established by act of Congress 2 July 1926

**Bragdon**, Helen C., Corporal  
**Ford**, Mary Jane, Private First Class  
**Lavrich**, Marie, Private First Class  
**Lynne**, Mary T., Corporal  
**Maloney**, Margaret H., Private —First Wac to be decorated in any theater as well as the first Wac to receive the Soldier’s Medal  
**Withner**, Vivian C., Technician Fifth Grade

**BRONZE STAR MEDAL**—Established by Executive Order 9419, 4 February 1944 (W.D. Bul. 3, 1944) (superseded by Executive Order 11046, 24 August 1962) (DA Bul. 9, 1962)

**Adams**, Marjorie, Sergeant  
**Alexander**, Helen T., Technician Third Grade  
**Amber**, Lucy, Private First Class  
**Anderson**, Harriet C., Private First Class  
**Anderson**, Idel, First Sergeant  
**Anderson**, Martha S., Sergeant  
**Anderson**, Mary Olds, Captain  
**Anderson**, Harriet C., Private First Class  
**Anderson**, Ruth L., Private First Class  
**Bailey**, Miriam M., Corporal  
**Bailey**, Ruth K., Sergeant

**Bankard**, Irene, Sergeant  
**Bankard**, Lillian, Sergeant  
**Barach**, Shirley, Technical Sergeant  
**Barry**, Geraldine Wallace, Major  
**Bendfelt**, Hariett C., Officer (Rank Unknown)  
**Benninghoff**, Bertha C., Sergeant  
**Berger**, Betty, Technical Sergeant  
**Berger**, Florence M., First Lieutenant  
**Birtwell**, Helen, Master Sergeant  
**Bolton**, Alta M., Private First Class  
**Bond**, Dorothy K., Private First Class  
**Borne**, Anne, Captain  
**Bowers**, Frances Jean, Technical Sergeant  
**Bradford**, Alice R., First Lieutenant  
**Branch**, Elizabeth Helen, First Lieutenant  
**Briggs**, Ruth Mary, Officer (Rank Unknown )  
**Bryan**, Judy, First Lieutenant  
**Burritt**, Julia A., Captain  
**Byram**, Marjorie G., Technician Third Grade  
**Byrnes**, Sara Mary, Captain  
**Cahill**, Ethel M., Technical Sergeant  
**Carlson**, Gertrude A., Sergeant  
**Carpenter**, Dorothy C., Private First Class  
**Carroll**, Lena E., Staff Sergeant  
**Carter**, Nancy, First Sergeant  
**Christian**, Shirley, Staff Sergeant  
**Cichy**, Antoinette J., Technician Fifth Grade  
**Cirrincione**, Jean M., Private  
**Clague**, Betty, Major  
**Clark**, Florence Marie, Officer (Rank Unknown)  
**Clawson**, Betty Lee, Technical Sergeant  
**Conway**, Jeannette A., Technical Sergeant  
**Cornick**, Frances S., Major  
**Cratty**, May G., Corporal  
**Crawford**, Marcielle Iris, Corporal  
**Crawfurd**, Helen J., First Sergeant  
**Creekmore**, Bessie E. Corporal  
**Cunningham**, Dreama, Technician Fourth Grade  
**Dare**, Dora H., Technical Sergeant  
**Darnell**, Mona, Staff Sergeant

**Darst**, Garnett E., Staff Sergeant  
**Decker**, Genevieve, Technical Sergeant  
**Dennie**, Doris M., (Rank Unknown)  
**Dierkan**, Maud McBride, Technician Third Grade  
**Dillistin**, Maude Mabel, Captain  
**Ditiwald**, Dorothy A., Private First Class  
**Doering**, Anne Marie, First Lieutenant  
**Fairchild**, Eleanor D., Technician Third Grade  
**Fischer**, Edith M., Technician Fourth Grade  
**Fontaine**, Helene Grannis, Major  
**Foster**, Cora M., First Lieutenant  
**Foster**, Mary, Staff Sergeant  
**Foushee**, Lillian Faye, First Lieutenant  
**Fowler**, Wilhelmina, Master Sergeant  
**Freeman**, Ona Irene, Staff Sergeant  
**Freiman**, Beatrice, Technician Fourth Grade  
**Frieden**, Eleanor H., Technical Sergeant  
**Fry**, Mary Fourgwrean, Captain  
**Gardner**, Annie Violet, Major  
**Gavend**, Fay, Technical Sergeant  
**Gibson**, Gladys G., Technical Sergeant  
**Gibson**, Patricia A., Technician Fourth Grade  
**Glass**, Betty J., First Sergeant  
**Grimes**, Edith L., Technician Third Grade  
**Grutsch**, Helen D., Sergeant  
**Hallaren**, Mary A., Major  
**Haluey**, Mary, Staff Sergeant  
**Handle**, Gertrude K., Technician Fourth Grade  
**Hannaford**, Ruth B., Staff Sergeant  
**Hansen**, Marjorie, Sergeant  
**Hansmeyer**, Marie H., Technical Sergeant  
**Hanson**, Helen Evelyn, Major  
**Harkness**, Edith, Staff Sergeant  
**Harris**, Irene, Sergeant  
**Harris**, Lillian, Captain  
**Hart**, Catherine L., Officer (Rank Unknown)  
**Heffernan**, Elizabeth, Sergeant  
**Heinecke**, Edna L., Technician Third Grade  
**Hennessy**, Elizabeth A., Technician Fourth Grade  
**Henney**, Florence E., Technical Sergeant

**Herbert**, Selma L., Captain (Oak Leaf Cluster awarded at another time)  
**Hickey**, Helen M., Technician Third Grade  
**Hicks**, Rena B., Technician Fourth Grade  
**Hodge**, Lily Mae, Technician Fourth Grade  
**Hoisington**, Elizabeth Paschel, First Lieutenant  
**Hopfe**, Lela Alberta, Major  
**Horne**, Geraldine, Sergeant  
**Horvath**, Margaret, Staff Sergeant  
**Hurst**, May, Technician Fourth Grade  
**Irwin**, Learnon L., Corporal  
**Jessup**, Daisy E., Technician Fifth Grade  
**Johnson**, Ethel L., Technician Third Grade  
**Jorgensen**, Mabel Marie, Staff Sergeant  
**Jose**, Mildred L., Technician Third Grade  
**Joyal**, Marie-Jeanne, Technician Fourth Grade  
**Juetner**, Helen, Technician Third Grade  
**Kalinowski**, Stephanie, Technician Fifth Grade  
**Kelly**, Charlee L., Major  
**Kincaid**, Virginia Gould, First Lieutenant  
**King**, Ruth Ann, First Lieutenant  
**Koserowski**, Mary A., Corporal  
**Kreffft**, Evelyn Helen, Captain  
**Kritzer**, Eva, Technician Third Grade  
**Kuschill**, Bertha Rose, Captain  
**Kutter**, Martha L., Sergeant  
**Larsen**, Ruth A., Technical Sergeant  
**Lauwers**, Barbara J. Private  
**Lavers**, Wilma Engle, Technical Sergeant  
**Leake**, Florella Roberta, Corporal  
**Lee**, Nell J., Technician Third Grade  
**Lehman**, Edna M., Staff Sergeant  
**Letellier**, Jeanne Kathryn, Captain  
**Littell**, Mary E., Corporal  
**Long**, Julia Teresa, Private  
**Loveland**, Laura V., Sergeant  
**Luck**, Mildred, Sergeant  
**Lynch**, Sue, First Lieutenant  
**MacWilliams**, Jane, Technical Sergeant  
**Marion**, Ella, Technical Sergeant  
**Marler**, Effie A., Technician Third Grade

**Martin**, Flora, Technical Sergeant  
**Matthew**, Jean L., Staff Sergeant  
**McAlear**, Doris E., First Lieutenant  
**McCaffrey**, Sarah C., Staff Sergeant  
**McMahon**, Helen D., First Sergeant  
**McMahon**, Helen D., First Sergeant  
**Metzmaier**, Hildegard, Technician Third Grade  
**Michalowski**, Kamile J., Technician Third Grade  
**Milner**, Anna M., Corporal  
**Mitchell**, Margaret E., Staff Sergeant  
**Molnar**, Hildegard S., Staff Sergeant  
**Moore**, Mildred M., Staff Sergeant  
**Morrison**, Eleanor Mae, Major  
**Moynahan**, Mary K., Major  
**Muench**, Elizabeth, Sergeant  
**Narton**, Mayne M., Staff Sergeant  
**Nelson**, Evelyn C., Technician Fifth Grade  
**Nibert**, Mildred P., Technician Sergeant  
**Norris**, Gertrude, (Rank Unknown)  
**O'Leary**, Betty Jane, Technical Sergeant  
**O'Loughlin**, Marguerite C., Sergeant  
**O'Neill**, Eleanor, Sergeant  
**Odbert**, Lucile, First Lieutenant  
**Ott**, Elodie Genevieve, Staff Sergeant  
**Parker**, Elizabeth Majette, First Lieutenant  
**Parker**, Margaret Alice, Major  
**Parker**, Margaret Alice, Major  
**Parks**, Annie L., Staff Sergeant  
**Parsel**, Jane H., Major  
**Parsons**, Corrine L., Sergeant  
**Pedersen**, Anna, Warrant Officer  
**Pendleton**, Irene S., Staff Sergeant  
**Petersen**, Ruth B., Technical Sergeant  
**Philpot**, Margaret Louise, Major  
**Pinette**, Mattie A., Major  
**Piraino**, Catherine, Officer (Rank Unknown)  
**Power**, Helen T., Master Sergeant  
**Purviance**, Margaret E., Staff Sergeant  
**Pyle**, Katherine May, Master Sergeant  
**Rae**, Nana M., Chief Warrant Officer

**Ramsdell**, Geraldine, (Rank Unknown)  
**Ramsey**, Rebecca Mae, Sergeant  
**Rauchwerger**, Esther, Technician Third Grade  
**Ray**, Elizabeth, Captain  
**Raymond**, May C., Sergeant  
**Reardon**, Marie B., Technician Fourth Grade  
**Reick**, Norma R., Technician Third Grade  
**Reilly**, Veronica Ann, Officer (Rank Unknown)  
**Reiniger**, Ella Mae, Technical Sergeant  
**Richfield**, Barbara, Technical Sergeant  
**Richter**, Katherine G., Corporal  
**Ricketts**, Lillie, Technician Third Grade  
**Ringers**, Ruth R., Technician Third Grade  
**Robertson**, Eloise, Technician Third Grade  
**Robertson**, Mary L., Corporal  
**Rogers**, Muriel D., Staff Sergeant  
**Romano**, Mary Rose, Technical Sergeant  
**Ross**, Rose Fuller, Captain  
**Russo**, Elizabeth A., Staff Sergeant  
**Ryan**, Helen E., Technician Third Grade  
**Schreck**, Gertrude, Technician Fifth Grade  
**Schwaab**, Gustavia, Sergeant  
**Sears**, Beryl M., Sergeant  
**Seavey**, Joanne M., Technician Third Grade  
**Sharp**, Becky, Staff Sergeant  
**Shearer**, Mary, Technician Third Grade  
**Shellenbarger**, Georgia, Technician Third Grade  
**Silverman**, Florence P., Technician Third Grade  
**Simpson**, Beryl May, Major  
**Skaug**, Mona J., Technician Fourth Grade  
**Small**, Dorothy, (Rank Unknown)  
**Smith**, Elizabeth C., Chief Warrant Officer  
**Sneed**, Muriel, Technical Sergeant  
**Spinola**, Eleanor V., Technician Fifth Grade  
**Sproull**, Lois Marie, Officer (Rank Unknown)  
**Stamp**, Jean, Technician Third Grade  
**Stegall**, Aileen, Warrant Officer (Junior Grade)  
**Steinberg**, Thelma, First Sergeant  
**Sterling**, Margaret H., Master Sergeant  
**Stewart**, Helen F., First Sergeant

**Stronch**, Rebecca, Sergeant  
**Strong**, Mary Helene, Captain  
**Stuart**, Eileen, Technical Sergeant  
**Sullivan**, Mary M., Staff Sergeant  
**Susel**, Frances, Staff Sergeant  
**Sweeney**, Anne Eloise, Officer (Rank Unknown)  
**Taylor**, Doris, Sergeant  
**Taylor**, Mary, (Rank Unknown)  
**Thurman**, Susie Jane, Captain  
**Tilley**, Eunice W., Technician Third Grade  
**Trythall**, Hilda I., Technician Third Grade  
**Tucker**, Betty E., Technician Third Grade  
**Turner**, Susanna P., Major  
**Varga**, Irene H., Technician Third Grade  
**Vinciguerra**, Mary H., Sergeant  
**Von Stein**, Vera Evelyn, Captain  
**Watson**, Vivian Bible, First Lieutenant  
**Weems**, Mary Catherine, Major  
**Wellman**, Mary A., Sergeant  
**Windes**, Jessie, Technician Fourth Grade  
**Winslow**, Barbara, Technical Sergeant  
**Womack**, Vera, Sergeant  
**Woody**, Beatrice P., Technician Fifth Grade  
**Worten**, Hannah, Sergeant  
**Wright**, Margaret, Sergeant  
**Yavener**, Dorothy, Sergeant  
**Zavortink**, Katherine, Private First Class  
**Zientek**, Eugenia Bernier, Technician Fifth Grade  
**Zuchowski**, Shirley, Sergeant

**AIR MEDAL**—*Established by Executive Order 9158 (amended by Executive Order 9242-A, 11 September 1942) (WD Bul. 49, 1942)*

**Babinetz**, Marjory Linheart, Private  
**Williams**, Henrietta A., Sergeant

**PURPLE HEART**—*Established by General George Washington on 7 August 1782 and revived by the President as announced in War Department General Orders 3, 22 February 1932, as amended by Executive Order 11016, 25 April 1962.*



**Brady**, Ruth M., Private  
**Burgeson**, Blanche, Sergeant  
**Esposito**, Aida Genevieve, Lieutenant  
**Galyon**, Leona J., Private  
**Gibbins**, Effie M., Private First Class  
**Grander**, Patricia, Private First Class  
**Knox**, Mary, Sergeant  
**Lacey**, Dorothy, Private First Class  
**Marquis**, Rea B., Technician Fifth Grade  
**Sayshen**, Sophie, Sergeant  
**Silewicz**, Janina, Private First Class  
**Sprunk**, Margaret R., Sergeant  
**Tinges**, Anne W., First Lieutenant  
**Whitfield**, Dorothy E., Private First Class  
**Williams**, Imogene, Corporal  
**Windham**, Emma Jane, Private First Class